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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on disturbance of the Community apple market

The European Parliament.

- whereas the import of an apple quota of over 37,000 tonnes from the southern hemisphere is disturbing the Community market,
 - whereas large stocks in various Member States are already a feature of this market,
 - whereas immediate application of the safeguard clause by the Community institutions is essential to prevent further deterioration of the situation,
1. Requests the Commission to take immediate safeguard measures pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation No. 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the fruit and vegetable market¹;
 2. Requests the Commission to check carefully that the reference price for these imports is applied;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

REASONS FOR THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The difficulties currently facing Community apple producers as a result of large unsold stocks are being exacerbated by the import of large quantities from countries in the southern hemisphere (South Africa, Argentina).

The quotas for these imports have been fixed at 37,100 tonnes for 1980 compared with 31,400 for 1979.

It is therefore essential for the European Parliament to request the Community institutions to take immediate action to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

¹ . CJ No. L 118, 20 May 1972